

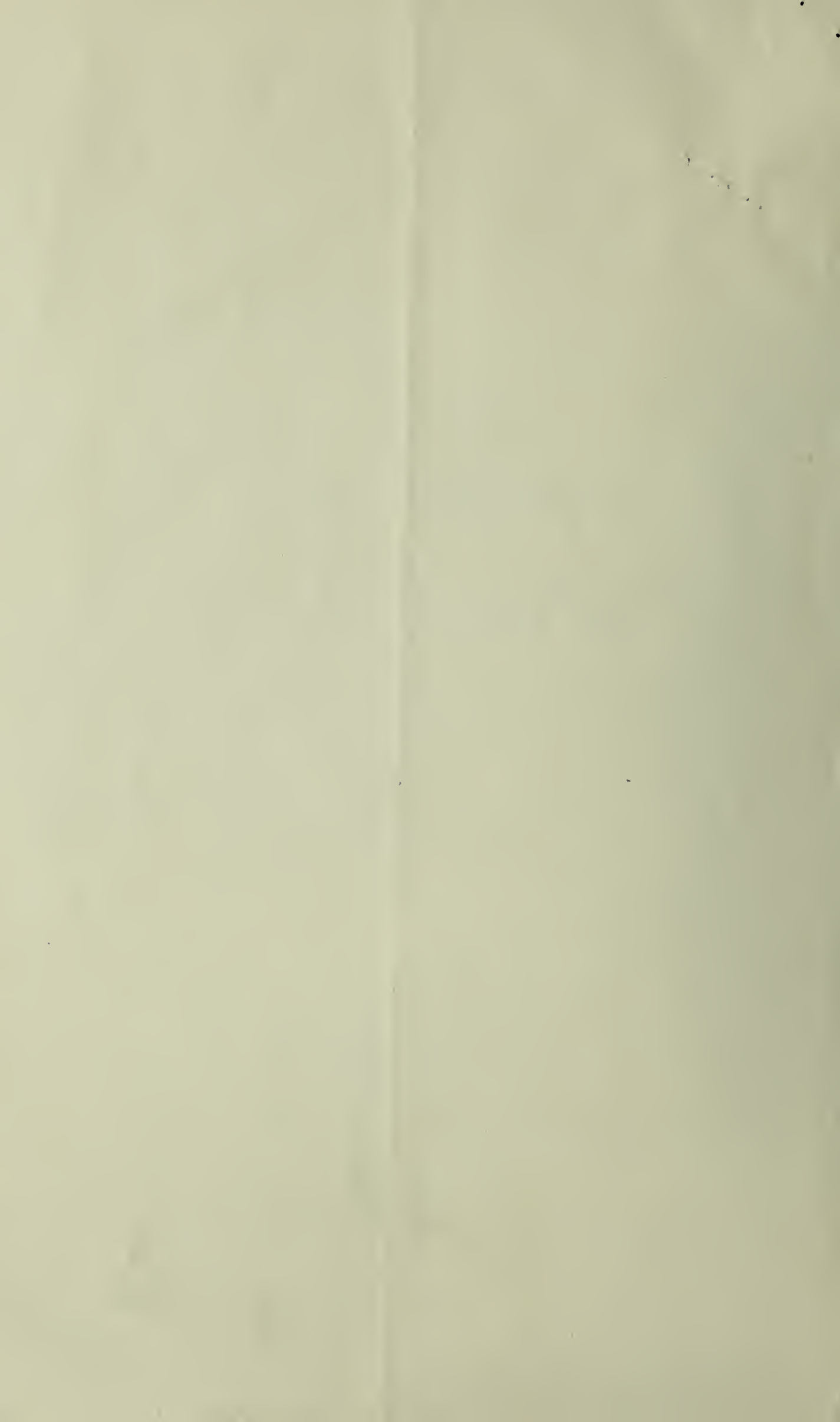
CROFT RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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1945.

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To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the
Croft Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present the ANNUAL REPORT for 1945.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

1. The estimated population for 1945 is 1,968.
The district is chiefly agricultural, extending over 19,884
acres.

The number of houses is 576.

The number of families or separate occupiers is 576. This
gives an average of 3.45 persons per house.

The rateable value is £9,062 which sum represented by a
penny rate is £38.14. 0.

Extracts from Vital Statistics of the year.

	Total.	M.	F.
Live births	32	18	14

There were no illegitimate births.

This gives a birth rate of 16.09 per 1,000, the average for
England and Wales being 16.1 per 1,000.

There were 3 stillbirths, 2 male and 1 female.

	Total	M.	F.
Deaths	29	17	12

This gives a death rate of 14.58 per 1,000, the average for
England and Wales being 11.4.

There were no cases of women dying in, or in consequence of
childbirth.

There were 3 deaths of infants under one year of age, giving
an infant mortality rate of 93.75 per 1,000 live births.

There was no death of an infant under two years of Diarrhoea,
Measles, or Whooping Cough.

The causes of death were as follows :-

	M.	F.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis		1
Influenza	1	
Cancer	2	
Intracranial Vascular lesions	3	3
Heart disease	3	5
Other Circulatory diseases		2
Pneumonia	2	
Congenital malformation	1	
Violent causes	1	
All other causes	4	1

Six of the above were over 80 and six over 70 years of age.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1945.

Measles 29. Scarlet Fever 6. Corebo-spinal
Meningitis 1.

There were no deaths.

There were no cases of Encephalitis Lethargica nor of Ophthalmia
Neonatorum.

Immunisation of children against Diphtheria is proceeding fairly satisfactorily. The fact that there have been no cases perhaps explains some lack of interest in, and occasionally objection to, immunisation.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New cases	1 female
Mortality	1 female

There are no tubercular employees in the milk trade.

SCHOOLS.

The sanitary condition of schools is satisfactory.

UNHEALTHY AREAS AND TRADES.

There are no unhealthy areas in the district and no obnoxious trades.

RAG FLOCK ACTS.

There are no premises in the district where Rag Flock is manufactured, used, or sold.

WATER SUPPLIES.

1. Water supplies in the area are satisfactory in quality and quantity.
2. Neither bacteriological examination nor chemical analyses of piped supplies have been made recently.
3. All the water in the district is hard, with the exception of the piped supply to Croft which is potentially plumbo-solvent.
4. There has been no reason to suspect contamination of any of the supplies.
5. The Parish of Croft has a piped supply from the Tees Valley Water Board. About half the village of Barton has a piped supply from a non-statutory company - the Barton Limestone Company.

The remaining villages and farms are supplied from wells.

The whole subject of the water supply is at present under review.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Medical Officer of Health - Part time Officer.

Sanitary Inspector - Part time Officer.

Poor Law Relief is in the hands of the Hambleton Guardians Committee.

SUMMARY OF NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

Hospitals and other Institutions in the district.

(a) By arrangement with Darlington Fever Hospital.

(b) The District Nursing Associations are supported by local subscriptions.

There are no clinics or treatment centres.

Hospitals are provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :-

- (1) Tuberculosis - Aysgarth Sanatorium, Thornton Lodge
and York.
- (2) Maternity - The County Council has made arrangements
for the admission of difficult or
dangerous confinement cases to Greenbank
Municipal Maternity Hospital, subject to
the approval of the County Medical Officer.
Other confinement cases are admitted on
payment.

376 Children and others - Darlington Memorial Hospital for
Surgical cases.

475 Fever and Smallpox - By arrangement, Darlington Fever
Hospital.

There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers
or for illegitimate children.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

For infectious cases - The Darlington Fever Ambulance.

For non-infectious cases and accidents - The Darlington Town
Ambulance and the Memorial Hospital
Ambulance.

I remain, Gentlemen,

your Obedient Servant,

A. F. T. ORD.

Medical Officer of Health.

